



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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County Executive

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Joann Leleck Elementary School, Oakview Community Sidewalk Proposal

Dear Property Owner(s):

This letter is to notify you that the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) Safe Routes to Schools Program (SRTS) has designated the following roadways for sidewalk installation to facilitate safe pedestrian routes to the Joann Leleck Elementary School:

- North Side (even-numbered homes) of Stateside Drive from Avenel Road to Stateside Court
- South Side (odd-numbered homes) of Stateside Drive from Avenel Road to Stateside Court

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a nationwide program that aims to significantly improve safety for students who walk and bike to school and MCDOT manages and administers Montgomery County's SRTS program. Installing or improving sidewalks, crosswalks, curb extensions and traffic signs in the vicinity of schools is the major goal of the County's SRTS.

MCDOT staff conducted an SRTS walk audit that identified missing sidewalk connections throughout the Joann Leleck Elementary School watershed. Enclosed, please find a project location map identifying the limits of the proposed sidewalks, the tree report completed by the County's certified arborist, SRTS frequently asked questions, a public hearing notice and a written testimony form. Your testimony and comments are beneficial to our office for addressing issues or concerns related to the proposed sidewalk orientation and location prior to construction.

The tree report discloses what trees within County rights of way may be removed to make way for the sidewalk installation, as well as any protective measures that may be taken to maintain the health of existing trees during construction. Please know that Montgomery County does not take tree removal lightly. Retaining trees enhances community aesthetics, provides a sense of community history and change minimizes climate-related risks to County residents. In adherence with the Department of Environmental Protection's requirements related to required tree removals, three trees will be planted for each tree that is removed.

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As part of the final decision-making process and pursuant to Section 49-53 of the Montgomery County Code, a virtual public hearing will be held on March 8, 2023, to present the project details and obtain resident testimony. The public hearing notice is enclosed. Registration is required to attend the hearing; details for registering are provided on the enclosed notice. Please note, written testimony carries the same weight as oral testimony provided at the hearing. All written testimony and comments must be received by the close of the Hearing Record on April 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Residents residing adjacent to the potentially impacted public right of way are welcome to schedule a field visit at their property to have their questions answered. If you would like to request a field visit at your property, please contact SidewalkSRTS-LeleckES@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of the enclosed proposal. We look forward to receipt of your written testimony and to hearing from you at the public hearing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Safe Routes to Schools Project Manager at SidewalkSRTS-LeleckES@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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